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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6369**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 463

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 6, 2011

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Mandatory Retirement Age for Trial Court Judges.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Buck

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill repeals or otherwise removes all provisions that establish a mandatory retirement age for superior court and county court judges. It also makes conforming amendments.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2011.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** Since the State Constitution has no mandatory retirement age for circuit court judges, LSA used the average retirement age of circuit court judges as a comparison to determine whether superior court judges, who are required to retire at 70, might tend to retire at a later age.

Age of Judges At Time of Retirement		
	Number	Average
Circuit Judge	63	65.1
Superior Judge	74	65.0
Source: Judges Retirement Fund		

Since no practical difference in the age of the judges at retirement exists, LSA anticipates no change in the payments to beneficiaries of the Judges Retirement Fund.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Judges Retirement Fund.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Allison Murphy, Public Employees Retirement Fund.

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